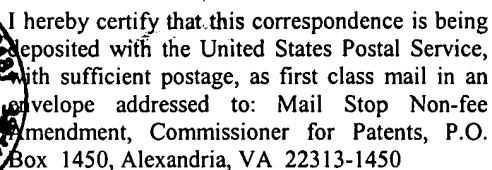



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In re Application of:

Yoshihiro Nishiyama et al.

Serial No.: 09/834,085

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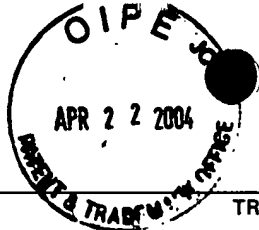
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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Non-fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office action of February 11, 2004. The amendments to the Claims begin on page 2, and the Remarks begin on page 9.



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Transmitted herewith is Amendment and Response to Office Action (12 pages) and return receipt postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
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